

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 remain pending in the application.

The Specification, Abstract and claims (15-20) have been amended in order to make minor English grammatical changes so that the application will be in a more proper format for issuance as a United States Patent. The Amendments do not introduce new matter into the application as originally filed, and do not raise any new issues for the Examiner's consideration. More particularly, the following is noted.

(A) Why the amendment is needed:

The Amendment is needed in order to make minor grammatical changes to the specification, abstract and claims, so that the application will be in a more proper English grammatical format for issuance in a United States Patent.

(B) Why the proposed amended claims require no additional search or examination:

The scope of the claims has not been changed. A simple review of currently amended claims 15-20 will evidence this fact. As such, the amended claims will require no further search or examination on the Examiner's part.

(C) Why the claims are patentable:

The claims prior to the instant amendment were allowed, and the instant amendment to the claims to correct minor English

Grammatical errors in the same does not cause the same allowed claims to become unallowable or unpatentable.

(D) Why the Amendments were not presented earlier:

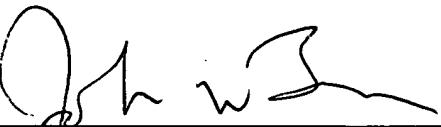
The current case was allowed on a first office action issuance. Thus the undersigned did not have the opportunity to review the case in detail (e.g., such as after the issuance of a non-final office action) to see whether any English grammatical changes might be desirable to make in the application before allowance.

Accordingly, entry of the instant amendment is respectfully requested and earnestly solicited.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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